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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, AR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BRANIFF'S SCHEDULE CHANGES

1. BRANIFF HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT IT WISHED TO MAKE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS IN ITS ARGENTINE SCHEDULES: EFFEC-TIVE DECEMBER 16, BRANIFF'S THURSDAY NORTHBOUND FLIGHT (FLT 978) BETWEEN BUENOS AIRES AND NEW YORK,VIA INTERMEDI-ATE POINTS IN SOUTH AMERICA AND MIAMI, WOULD SUBSTITUTE A WASHINGTON STOP FOR MIAMI; EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6 MIAMI WOULD BE INCLUDED AS A STOP ON ONE OF THE CURRENTLY NONSTOP NEW YORK-BUENOS AIRES SOUTHBOUND FLIGHTS (FLT 901).

2. BRANIFF HAS ALREADY APPLIED TO DNTAC FOR THE DECEMBER 16 CHANGE AND EXPECTS TO FILE SHORTLY FOR THE JANUARY 6 ADJUSTMENT. NO FINAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN REPORTED TO BRANIFF BY THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES, BUT THE AIRLINE IS CONCERNED THAT DISAPPROVAL OF THEIR SCHEDULE CHANGES IS LIKELY, UNLESS THERE IS DEMONSTRATION OF USG SUPPORT.

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3. EMBASSY IS ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED TO INFORMALLY EXPRESS
TO ARGENTINES ITS SUPPORT FOR BRANIFF'S APPLICATION.
FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS MAY BE USED:

(A) SCHEDULE CHANGE INVOLVES ONLY A MINOR ADJUSTMENT IN

SERVICE PATTERNS; NET EFFECT IS TO ADD ONE STOP AT
WASHINGTON.

(B) CHANGE HAS NO IMPACT ON SERVICE BY AEROLINEAS SINCE
THAT AIRLINE DOES NOT SERVE WASHINGTON.

(C) SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS ARE LIMITED SOLELY TO US POINTS;
WERE ARGENTINE AIRLINES TO MAKE SIMILAR SCHEDULING CHANGES
INVOLVING POINTS IN ARGENTINA, US AUTHORITIES WOULD FORE-
SEE NO DIFFICULTIES IN ACCEPTING THEM.

(D) SINCE ABOVE-MENTIONED MINOR CHANGES DO NOT ALTER
BASIC STATUS QUO IN US-ARGENTINE CIVIL RELATIONS, IT
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ACCEPT THEM.

4. EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, COORDINATE ITS
APPROACH WITH LOCAL BRANIFF REP. KISSINGER

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